

# Marchers ready to take protest to CIA headquarters

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After a weekend filled with chanting, sign-waving, marching and speech-making, an estimated 600 of the demonstrators who came to Washington — variously estimated to be 22,000 to 75,000 — will shift their protest today from the steps of the Capitol to the gates of the CIA.

The protest expected this morning at the Central Intelligence Agency's headquarters in McLean is said to be the first time activists have risked arrest there for civil disobedience.

"We want to shut down the CIA because we are totally opposed to the work that the CIA is doing," said Leslie Cagan, national coordinator of the "April Coalition" that organized the protests. "We want it stopped. We pay the CIA's bills ... and we the people should have a voice in what they do."

Several dozen protesters, gathered for the weekend's "National Mo-

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bilization for Peace and Justice in Central America and Southern Africa," attended four-hour workshops yesterday, learning how to provoke arrest, for today's confrontation.

Fairfax County Police said they also were prepared. A police spokesman said "appropriate numbers" of officers would be on hand as part of a "contingency plan," but would not elaborate.

Today's face-off, scheduled to begin about 6 a.m. with demonstrators sitting in front of the gates of CIA headquarters, was the last activity scheduled by students, union members and religious activists protesting President Reagan's policies in Central America and Southern Africa.

Thousands of people walked on Saturday from the Ellipse up 17th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue and past the White House to the Capitol in a light drizzle Saturday afternoon.

On the Capitol's West Lawn, protesters listened to liberal activists urge Congress to "just say no" to aid for the Nicaraguan resistance and for anti-Marxist rebels in Angola or South Africa's white-minority government.

The Washington Times carried a report Friday, later picked up by the wire services for national distribution, that \$3 million was funneled from Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi through the Sandinista government in Nicaragua to finance the weekend protests in Washington.

Speakers denounced the newspaper and the report of Libyan involvement. Activist-actor Ed Asner said in a WTOP-AM radio interview: "To hell with the Reagan administration, to hell with the contras, and to hell with The Washington Times and its story"

"It is not we who are traitors to the government, but the government who is traitors to us," Mr. Asner later told the crowd. "This administration has lied and lied and lied to us."

"In South Africa, our complicity with that regime is a source of moral shame," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of the National Rainbow Coalition. "Every moral and ethical imperative that made us say no to Hitler and the Third Reich must make us say no to [South African President P.W.] Botha and the Fourth Reich."

President Reagan spent the weekend at Camp David, Md., and did not hear demonstrators who chanted "Reagan, Reagan, he's no good; send him back to Hollywood" as they passed in front of the heavily guarded White House.

"We're making history today, and I wanted to be able to participate in something that may help to end the suffering of thousands of people in Africa and Central America," said Cathy Dix, a United Auto Workers official who came from Akron, Ohio, for the march. "It's time for this cruelty to stop, and if we make a good impression here today, justice may come about."

Ed Kinane, 42, said he hitchhiked to the rally from his Syracuse, N.Y., home because "I wanted to show solidarity with the people of South Af-

rica and Central America.

"Our government is doing an awful lot wrong," he said. "And I hope our leaders will listen to what the American people are saying today about the injustices we're doing."

The protesters poked fun at Washington's two latest scandals with such signs as "The Marines have the right idea — Make love, not war."

A handful of counterdemonstrators lined the march route and took jabs with a banner that read: "Whiners and beggars and liberals — O my! Sheep for Social Responsibility."

About 200 organizations involved in the demonstration included groups ranging from the Disabled People's Liberation Front to Native Appalachians for Peace and Justice to the 15th Ward Anti-Apartheid Coalition of Chicago.

The march included elements of the far left, including the Communist Party USA, the Democratic So-

cialists of America and the Socialist Workers Party.

Some labor groups participated, although AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland urged members of his federation not to attend because he said they would be "embracing the Sandinista regime" and that organizers were guided by pro-communist and pro-Soviet groups.

"For us as a labor movement not to be here today is a betrayal of our members," said Henry Nichols, president of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees. "Here is where the labor movement belongs. We should be up front leading, not rushing to catch up."

Metropolitan Police reporting three arrests over the weekend: One man was charged Saturday with illegally crossing police lines, and two protesters were arrested yesterday on charges of illegally selling protest buttons and pamphlets on the Capitol grounds.